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Letter dated 6 September 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest over the recent frequent violations of the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by the aircraft of the Stabilization Force (SFOR) flying from the territory of Republika Srpska in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since mid-August 2000, the following violations have been registered:

- 2 helicopters flew across Lake Zvornik on 15 August at 0.05 a.m. at an altitude of 200 m and entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 200 m deep;
- 1 helicopter flew across the Drina river in the region of Banja Koviljaca the same day at 10.05 a.m. and entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 300 m deep;
- 2 fighter jets entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 2 km deep in the region of Strmac on 16 August at 11.55 a.m.;
- 1 helicopter, while manoeuvring in the region of the villages of Paklje and Tubici at an altitude of 200 m, entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 100 m deep;
- 2 helicopters entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 2 km deep at an altitude of 400 m in the region of Bajina Basta/Perucac on 24 August at 2.20 p.m.;
- 2 helicopters entered the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 200 m deep at an altitude of 150 m in the region of Zvornik/Mladjevac on 25 August at 11.45 a.m.

In bringing to your attention the violations of the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, committed in gross disregard for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Dayton/Paris Agreement and the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, I take the opportunity to transmit the advice of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will no longer tolerate the violations of its airspace, that is, its territorial integrity and sovereignty, and that the responsibility for all the consequences that may arise from such acts will be borne by those committing them.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav **Jovanovic**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.